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BRITISH AIRLINER SMASHES IN SWISS ALPS: ALL KILLED

Avalanche Started

Schagnau, Switzerland, Apr. 16.—A four-engined British airliner smashed into an Alpine peak in fog today, killing its crew of five and their only passenger—an Italian—and starting an avalanche. The plane was bound for Teheran.

Eye-witnesses who saw the plane crash into 7,200 feet high Hohgant Mountain said it skidded over the snow for more than half a mile and then was carried another 900 feet down the mountain slope on the sliding snow before coming to a halt amongst a pile of rocks.

The plane's skid started an avalanche which thundered into the valley below.

According to first reports, the plane did not catch fire. The crash took place at 0.30 this morning and word was brought to the local authorities from the mountain's farms. Relief parties immediately set out for the wrecks.

The plane, which was a Halifax built, owned by Air Carriers Limited, of London, left Schiphol Airfield this morning for a charter flight to Teheran.

The area of the crash was reported to be rugged. The

Smallpox Scare On Big Liner

Liverpool, Apr. 16.—A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11,157-ton British liner *Cicilia* when she docked here from Bombay today.

The Cicilia had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300.

In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly a million people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, was expected to be declared free of smallpox this weekend.—Reuter.

passenger's name was given as di Giulio, a representative of the owners, who was on his way to Brindisi.

The Swiss Federal Air Office said in a communiqué that "the accident appears to be due to faulty navigation." The communiqué added that the plane struck the north parapet of the mountain and was completely destroyed.

Debris was scattered over a wide area, the statement said, much of it being engulfed in the avalanche. The wreckage did not burn.

All six occupants of the craft were believed to have died instantly. A relief party arrived at the scene in about an hour after the crash.

EXPLOSION

The accident occurred in thick fog, according to the communiqué. Reports from the scene of the crash state that the remains of the plane were caught up in the avalanche, which the crash started. The wreckage was swept down about 300 yards from the actual place of the crash.

Farmers said they heard the plane roaring overhead early this morning. Almost immediately there was a tremendous explosion as the plane struck the rocky northern parapet of the Hohgant Massif. Parties from surrounding farms set off at once, but it was an hour before the first group reached the scene.

The heavy fog and the snow piled up by the avalanche made the work of the search parties very difficult. It was believed tonight that all six bodies had been recovered and were being brought down the mountain side.

Hohgant Massif is about 13 miles north of Interlaken.—Reuter.

PERAK SWOOP BY TERRORISTS

Singapore, Apr. 16.—Eighty terrorists attacking the Narborough Estate in Perak last night murdered one labourer and destroyed buildings and estate produce worth £1,400.

They seized identity cards from 50 labourers.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Britain's Austerity Finances

BROAD indications that the Labour Party is prepared to face an early general election if events dictate its desirability, lend importance to the Budget which Sir Stafford Cripps will present to the country tomorrow. For the Chancellor of the Exchequer and probably the other leading figures in the Cabinet, the reception accorded the budget proposals will be the acid test. No-one today knows exactly what surprises Sir Stafford will have for them in his briefcase. It is a fair assumption, however, that an appeal to popular approval will be made in a mild form, something to reduce the price of beer, greater incentive to hard work and production by lower bracket income tax concessions, particularly in reference to overtime bonuses—but little more. No attempt made to soften the impact—to play politics, in other words—will, however, alter fundamental policy, the maintenance of a system of rigid austerity. The inclination might readily be there were Britain's financial position sufficiently improved to justify real cuts in taxation, but despite progress, no Chancellor could make such a claim. Britain's only hope for full economic recovery and independence by the time the Marshall Plan ends in 1952 depends on strict controls. The general trend of Cabinet's outlook was revealed in the White Paper calling on the workers to forgo demands for wage increases, on companies to observe restraint in dividends, and on both to strive for increased efficiency in produc-

tion. A further drastic cut in imports from hard currency areas, principally the United States, is foreshadowed. In return, there is likely to be little to stir voting enthusiasm. Indeed, considering that Labour's over-all majority in Parliament has been cut, temporarily at least, to four, the predictions of what Sir Stafford Cripps has to offer tomorrow suggest a degree of courage on the part of the Government which no other European government has equalled.

Whether his form of austerity is the best possible and whether the proposals can be carried through comfortably in view of growing restiveness is, of course, a question which will provoke a sharp debate in the Commons. Much of the texture of the Conservative attack, however, will be propounded with tongue in cheek. Sir Stafford Cripps can point to a steady rise in industrial production, an increase in output per man-hour, and a remarkable reduction in the deficit in the general balance of payments. By slashing imports, he hopes to cut the dollar shortage in half during 1950 and achieve a surplus in over-all world payments by the time the next budget will be presented. The Conservatives can be depended upon to find flaws in Labour expectations when the issues are debated, their eyes also being on the possibility of an early general election, but Britain's austerity Chancellor can be depended on to make out his case skilfully and without circumspection. And his record disclaims utterly any intention of offering "bribes."

ROYAL CHILDREN ON SKIS



Princess Irene (left) and Princess Beatrix preparing to set off on a ski run in the mountains in Austria, where they are spending a holiday with their mother, Queen Wilhelmina. The children spend a lot of time on the snow-covered slopes. (London Express Service).

HUNT FOR SABOTEURS OF VIKING AIRCRAFT

Conscripts Can Be Pilots

London, Apr. 16.—Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, after engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in service.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year.

The RAF expected to train a gunner in four months and an engineer in six months. When they pass they may join operational crews.—Reuter.

Important American Official Among The Passengers

London, Apr. 16.—French and British police linked efforts to find the cause and motive for the suspected sabotage explosion last Thursday in a British Viking airliner carrying an American Marshall Plan official and 27 other passengers from London to Paris.

The explosion was at first thought to have been caused by lightning striking the after-fuselage. The air hostess of the aircraft was injured in the explosion.

It was confirmed in London today that Mr Ralph Strauss, special assistant to the Marshall Plan roving Ambassador, Mr Averell Harriman, was aboard the Viking, which was forced back to Northolt Airport by the explosion.

Mr Strauss told Reuters in Paris that he had not been approached by either Scotland Yard or the French Surete. He paid tribute to the stewardship of the Viking's pilot, Captain Harvey, saying that if it had not been for his ability to bring the aircraft down with its rudder out of action "none of the passengers would be alive today."

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COMMUNISM

The probability of sabotage brought from the Aeroneutral Engineers Association tonight a demand that a public enquiry should be made into a complaint from British Overseas Airways employees that nationalized aviation "is riddled with prominent Communists."

The Association heard evidence that many BOAC and BEA airfields have Communist trade union officials on their staff since 1946.

Ministry of Civil Aviation and BEA officials late today con-

European Union

Brussels, Apr. 16.—The Ministers of the five Western Union Powers will tomorrow sign their names to three documents marking a further step in the unification of Western Europe.

At the eighth session of the Union's top governing body, the Consultative Council, meeting here, the Ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will sign conventions easing restrictions on students and frontier workers,

and an agreement extending the internationalization of social services.—Reuter.

Mr Attlee Asks Junior Minister To Resign

Vampire In Collision

London, Apr. 16.—A Royal Air Force pilot flying a Vampire jet fighter, was killed today in a collision with a Lincoln bomber during exercises.

The pilot baled out over the sea after the collision, leaving his plane to crash off Durston Head, Dorset. A life-boat picked him up, but he died soon afterwards. The bomber was undamaged.—Reuter.

Fair Share Principle

WESTERN UNION DEFENCE

Brussels, Apr. 16.—The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defence and Finance from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg opened a two-day consultation here today to find a "fair shares" method of arming Western Union forces.

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Over a year ago each Western Union country calculated exactly its defence deficiencies and the financial cost of making them good, but since then evaluations and other economic changes have falsified that defence budget.

The British delegation was headed by the Defence Minister, Mr Emanuel Shawell, while Mr Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, deputised for the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, who has been undergoing a minor operation.

The French delegation was headed by M. Robert Schuman, Belgian by M. Paul Van Zeeland, the Netherlands by M. Dirk Stikker, and Luxembourg by M. Joseph Beck—all Foreign Ministers.—Reuter.

SHARP COLLISION WITH THE FARMERS

London, Apr. 16.—Mr Stanley Evans, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, resigned tonight.

An announcement from the Prime Minister's house said that Mr Evans had placed his resignation in the hands of Mr Clement Attlee, who had accepted it.

Mr Evans' resignation came within 24 hours of a slashing attack on him by the National Farmers Union of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, which accused him of making a "deliberate attempt to drive a wedge between town and country."

This was the second time in a few days that Mr Evans had angered the farmers. They took issue yesterday with a statement which he made of a press conference on Friday, that "no other nation featherbeds its agriculture like Britain."

He expressed that whether subsidies to farmers had not reached a level which neither consumer nor taxpayer could afford.

The Union accused him of prematurely disclosing farmers' income figures and of selecting "just those statistics which supported his fallacious argument" that farmers might be getting "too much security."

The Parliamentary Secretary, who ranks as a junior Minister, had declared that farmers' incomes had gone up from £50,000,000 in 1938 to £274,500,000 last year.

BARE ANNOUNCEMENT

An outspoken Labour backbencher at 52, Mr Evans went to the Ministry of Food as Parliamentary Secretary in the place of Dr Edith Summerskill when she became Minister of National Insurance.

He had been in office for 46 days.

Usually when a Minister resigns, letters between himself and the Prime Minister showing the reasons for the resignation are published. Tonight's announcement was a bare statement of the fact that Mr Evans had resigned.—Reuter.

It was learned officially that the raft found by the Beechland (1,813 tons), bound for the Finnish port of Kotka, from where the raft, identified as American manufactured in 1948, will be flown to Copenhagen tomorrow for examination by Air Force experts.

The raft was picked up north of Gotland Island, roughly on a line between Stockholm and the Latvian Baltic port of Liepaja, where the Russians alleged they were forced to fire on an American bomber a few hours before the Navy Privateer, with 10 men on board, was listed as missing.

The United States Air Force's European Headquarters called off the eight-day search, tonight, abandoning all hope of finding any survivors.

It was learned officially that the raft found by the Beechland is of the same type and construction as those used by the fleeing Privateer. An official spokesman said: "We think it is from the plane."

He added that no further statement would be made until after the raft had been examined.

Danish and Swedish vessels which helped in the search returned to their ports tonight.—Reuter.

Hurley Blames Yalta For Red China

New York, Apr. 16.—General Patrick Hurley, former Ambassador to China, today blasted the "secret Yalta agreement" as the "blueprint for the Communist conquest of China."

In a debate on Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt's radio programme, General Hurley clashed acrimoniously with fellow U.S. Senator Warren Magnuson, Dr John King Fairbank, head of Harvard's School of Chinese Studies, and journalist Lauterbach.

Lauterbach and Magnuson laid the blame for the Chinese debacle on the poverty and loss of faith of the Chinese people and proposed that the United States launch a programme outside Communist areas in Asia aimed at regaining the support of the Asian peoples.

General Hurley said the United States diplomats "surrendered all principles of the Atlantic Charter" in the Yalta secret agreement on China.

Mr Evans commenting on his resignation, said: "The National Farmers Union have my scalp under their belt. A healthy qualitative public opinion will know how to assess the results of the coming farm price review negotiations."

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THE EVANS COMMENT

The departure of Mr Evans was expected to provoke questions in Parliament, but not to stir up any new party crisis.

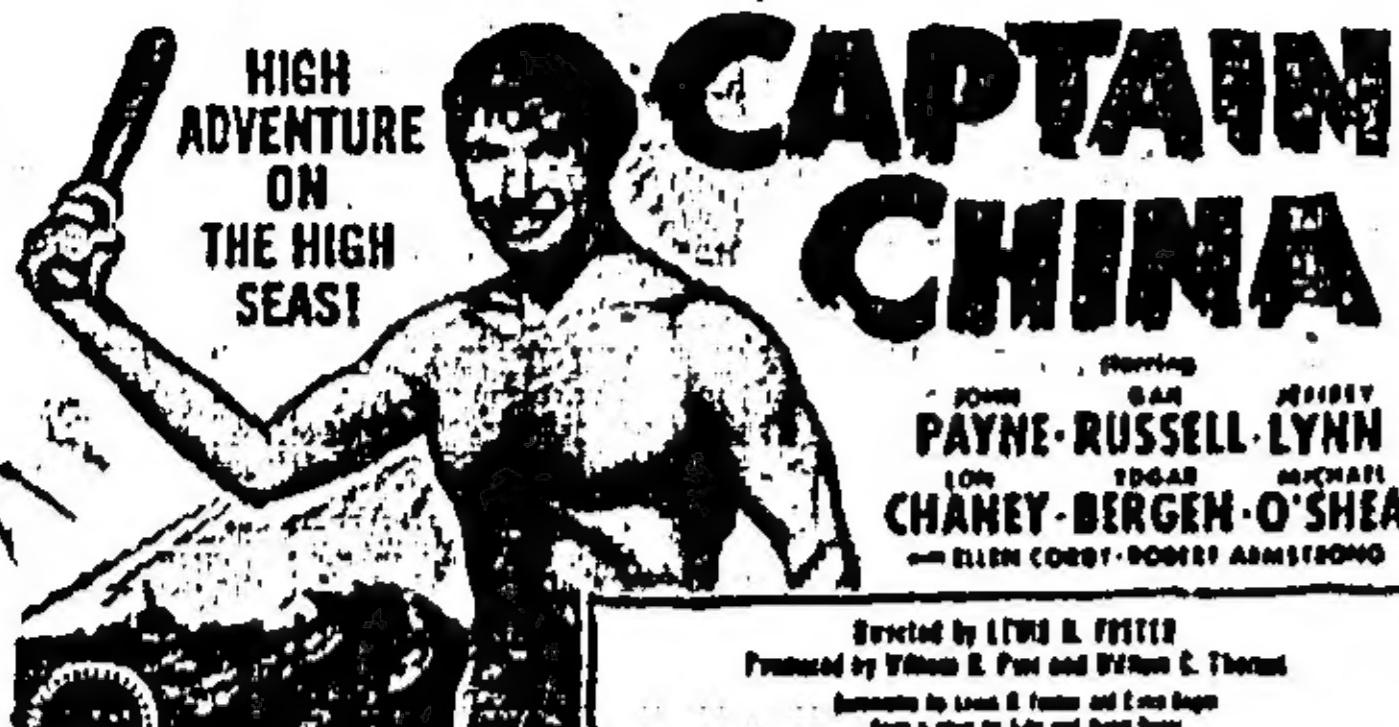
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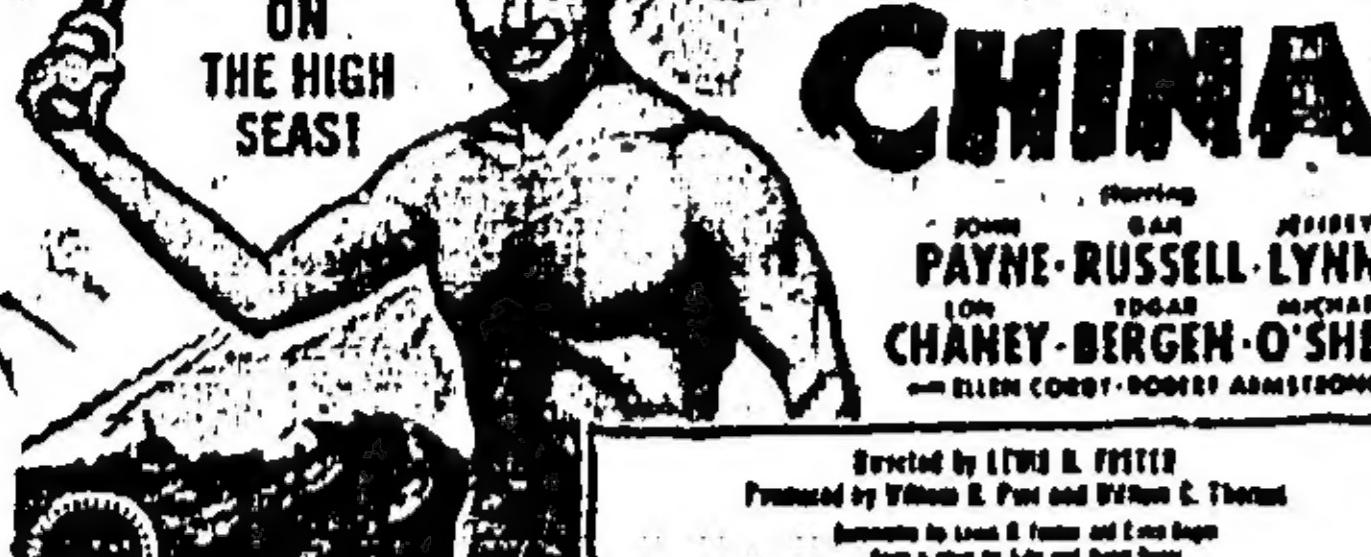


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WOMANSENSE

A BRIDE BRINGS TO LONDON THE GLAMOUR OF THE EAST

A COLD reception (climatically speaking) sent a glamorous honeymoon couple scurrying from their suite at the Dorchester to the West End shops to get some really warm clothes.



The bride is Christina, daughter of a wealthy Singapore-Chinese and considered as one of the most beautiful girls in the East. She certainly turned many heads as she walked down Park Lane.

Christina is tall for a Chinese girl, 5ft. 5in. Her raven hair nearly reaches her shoulders, frames a beautifully made-up face.

Her husband is Mr Wan Tho Loke, owner of cinemas, a newspaper, tin mines and rubber plantations, and one of the richest Chinese in Singapore.

They forgot

But why were they short of warm clothes? "I am afraid that in the excitement of the wedding and honeymoon we forgot it is not as warm in England as it is in Singapore," he explained. "I did not even bring an overcoat."

He left in a hurry to buy a tweed overcoat. Mrs Wan Tho Loke was buying tailor-made costumes and a fur coat.

From the clothes she brought to London she chose for her walk to the hairdresser a pink and jade Chinese silk dress cut in the traditional straight line with a high mandarin collar, jade green crocodile skin shoes and a matching handbag.

Diamond rings

Over her dresses she wore a three-quarter length swingback realskin coat.

Her jewellery: fan-shaped earrings made of Siamese silver with jade enamel and a matching brooch; a large diamond eternity wedding ring with a diamond engagement ring.

Half-way down Park Lane, finding her hands cold, she put them in her pockets and pulled out a pair of black mink gloves. "My goodness," she said, "I bought these in New York a long time ago and had forgotten I had them. The coat has been in storage at home—we never need such garments in Singapore."

They attended a film premiere. Before she left, Christina brought six exquisite Chinese silk evening gowns from her trunk and asked for our opinions on which she should wear.

Her Choice

She decided on a turquoise silk, heavily embroidered with gold thread pagoda and mandarin on horseback. It was cut on the same perfectly straight line as her day dress, with cap sleeves, a high mandarin collar and slits at each side to give her freedom for walking. Anxiously she asked: "Will my fur coat be all right over the dress? You are rather formal in England in the way you dress."

A fortnight of their honeymoon will be spent in London. Then they sail for New York in the Queen Mary.

But only after the bride has been to see her husband's old college—at Cambridge.

—London Express Service.

Street Dress

Since so many young couples both like modern decor and start their married life in a one-room job, the modern room attracted the most attention. A drapery fabric sets the colour note. It is a heavy weave in mustard yellow patterned in white, grey, olive green, bitter-sweet and black, in a green leaf and trunk motif. Studio beds are olive green and flank a commodious storage unit in prima-vera wood veneer. Another storage unit is lacquered yellow. Black lacquer framed in natural cane that lets the air through, forms the divider between the living and dining level. A modern dining table centres a black rug. A music chest fitted with a radio doubles as a server and a bench gives extra seating. Brown walls and a rose coloured rug dominate the colour scheme of the traditional room. Brown and aqua striped satin for side chair upholstery, lime green cotton boudoir on club chairs, diamond print aqua cotton on the sofa bed, gold satin draperies and swag, make up a lush colour scheme. Brass lamp bases, gilt mirror frame, a pair of white lamp bases and some chintz pieces add another bit of colour. Furniture is mahogany or mahogany finish.

Peppermint Pink

The provincial scheme goes in for walls and a cotton loop wall to wall rug of peppermint pink. Mint green taffeta upholstered sofa bed which is for two. It is flanked by storage chests. A nice conversational group is made up of a large cherry wood cocktail table and lounge chairs in a small flower print, that is repeated in small sofa cushions and the ruffles of pink muslin curtains. Candelstick plaid cotton sofa is used for the backs of chairs and for the four side chairs.

Lounge chair and ottoman use green taffeta and have their place near a record player unit that is flanked by a tier floor lamp. A large table does for dining and desk use. A server lined in back with floral chintz, holds linens, serving pieces and similar equipment. Screens covered with the same floral chintz, conceal kitchen entrance.

Having His 36th Child At 68

A 68-year-old New York City man, who has thirty-five children ranging in age from 8 to 41, including seven sets of twins and one set of triplets, has just had another child by his fourth wife.



Mrs. Loke's hair-do



THE BRIDEGROOM

FABRIC NEWS

SHANTUNGS are widely used

S from a thin lustrous silky Honan type from the Orient to

solid, but heavily slubbed varieties, some approaching satin but slubbed, heavier qualities largely synthetic or a mixture of fibres. Satin uses

smoother closely woven quality

describable as silk habardine but

mat. Paris collections include a

quota of shantung, mostly for

daytime, including suits, coats,

usually monochrome but sometimes streaky black slubs in white or grey weave. Evening shantungs

include prints.

Laces Important for Evening

Nets, both cotton and silk, are important for bouffant short

dance frocks, crinolined gowns,

and transparent coats over

cocktail dresses. Laces are im-

portant for evening, while

Balenciaga shows a group of full-skirted late afternoon

dresses in filmy Chantilly types.

Chantillys and heavier guipures and outlined racing types are all

used for evening, and nearly

every big house has one model

in natural coloured straw

guipure which is among the big

novelties of the season, coming

in dress width.

White Pique Leads Cottons

Except for organdie, white

pique play the lead among

cottons, for neckwear, jacket

ensembles, separate coats and

evening gowns. Occasionally

white pique has a gold touch for

shears are big

Transparent fabrics will be

popular with chiffon triumphans,

particularly for day in plain or

pin-striped pleated shirtwaisters,

and for evening over contrast.

Silk organdie is big. There are

also quantities of cotton or

gauze, which is much used at

Balenciaga; and also "papier de

Chine" from Silesia. In a

delicate print at Dior. An

attractive cotton chiffon em-

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RELIGION FOR THE HOMELESS



THE Rev. Ian Hunter, curate of St. Paul's Church in London, holds services in front of the mobile church-anteen of the London Embankment Mission for the Homeless. Hot soup and tea are served free in the "church."—(Acme).

"Widow Snooping" Arouses Australians

Sydney, Apr. 16.—No more "widow snooping," Repatriation Minister Walter J. Cooper has warned investigators of war widows' pensions. "Widow-snooping," newspapers and leaders of ex-service women's organisations charged, involves spying on war widows for evidence of immorality.

Australian war widows receive £3 weekly. A clause in the repatriation act empowers the Repatriation Commission, to refuse a pension or terminate it.

Critics charged that some pensions were stopped after government investigators visited widows' homes at night.

Cooper told Parliament the Commission had no right to "spy" on war widows because authority to make such investigations was withdrawn a year ago by the former socialist Labour Government.

Newspapers opposed the investigations as a flagrant example of government meddling in the people's private affairs.

One of the country's most distinguished and best war widows complained for months against "spying" on widows. She is Mrs George Vasey, widow of a famous general killed in a plane crash after brilliant service in New Guinea.

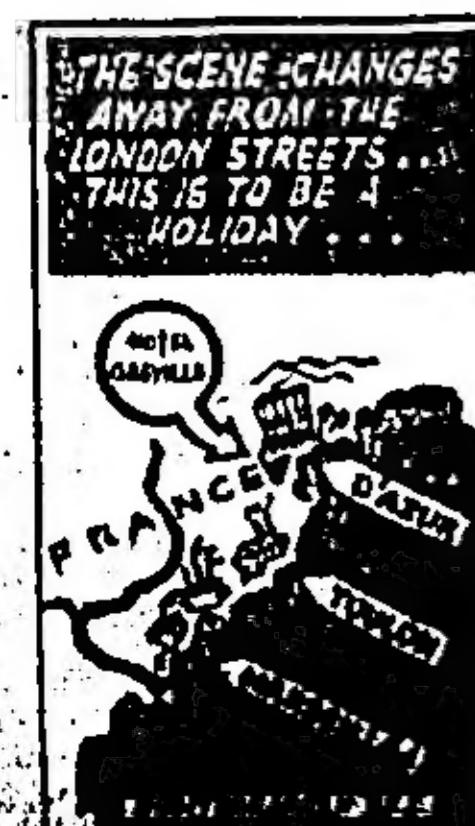
Drama At Edinburgh Festival

Details of the drama programme at the fourth Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama—from August 20 to September 10—have recently been announced.

The Glasgow Citizens Theatre, which has done excellent work in its own region over a number of years, will occupy the Lyceum Theatre for the whole three weeks of the Festival. Three plays will be given in repertory, that is to say it will be possible for a visitor to see all three in any one week; two are modern, one a Scottish classic.

The plays are "The Queen's" by James Bridle, starring Sonsa Dresden; "The Atom Doctor" by Eric Lindström; and William Horne's "Douglas". "The Atom Doctor", based on a theme by Ben Jonson, has a modern setting in a Scottish city. "Douglas", in which the principal roles will be taken by Dame Sybil Thorndike and Sir Lewis Casson, deals with a Scottish legend set in the period of the Danish invasions.

K. O. CANNON . . . A NEW ADVENTURE WITH WHISPER BEGINS TODAY



QUEEN Mother Victoria of Spain walks past saluting Swiss guardsmen after a private audience with Pope Pius XII in the Vatican City.—(Acme).

Six Nations Will Explore Arctic Area For Weather Clue

By Noel Mostert

Montreal, Apr. 16.—A six-nation expedition to Canada's largest and bleakest Arctic island believes its muskeg wastes may tell them whether the earth is getting warmer and its water supply shrinking.

Their findings, added to evidence from other parts of the world pointing to a new trend in the weather, may be the key to several major scientific problems.

The party of 18 or 20 Canadian, American, British, Finnish and Norwegian scientists, accompanied by a team of Swiss mountaineers, will fly from here to Baffin Island in May.

The island is the fifth largest in the world and is more than twice the size of the United Kingdom.

An examination of the glacial structure of its virtually unexplored interior is expected to reveal whether the retreat of glaciers and ice caps, already observed in Alaska and Norway, is a world-wide phenomenon, with possible effects on climate and water reservoirs.

WEATHER MEN PUZZLED

Mild weather in eastern North America and sub-zero temperatures on the usually balmy Canadian west coast have puzzled weather men. On checking records, they found a definite trend towards warmer winters had set in as far back as 1870.

Ships are reaching Spitzbergen, north of Norway, nine months in the year instead of three 30 years ago, and the permanently frozen subsol of the sub-Arctic is melting.

This information, jumped on that brought back by the expedition, may help scientists to reach conclusions which may have a big effect on world

economy.

Col. P. D. Baird, who commanded Canada's famed 1946 Extraordinaire Muskrat in the Hudson Bay area, will lead the expedition, which will be away from May until September.

AIR PHOTOS TAKEN

Baird, announcing the expedition on behalf of the Arctic Institute of North America, said maps were being prepared from air photographs taken in 1948 and 1949.

Much of the research work will be carried out on a peculiar ice cap, some 100 miles by 40, surrounded by flat or gently rolling ground, and lying west of the Baffin Island supply station on the River Clyde.

The party's chief glaciologist, W. H. Ward, of the Scientific and Industrial Research Department of the United Kingdom, will be in charge there. He said:

"The Arctic region of Canada, which comprise some 23 percent of the total area of the country, are still extremely unknown. The outlines and coasts have been mapped, but scientifically this area is one of the larger blanks on the map of the sub-Arctic is melting."

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ONLY AN OUTLINE

"The east coast of this island was fairly well known to the whaling ships in the last century, but even the outline of

New York Experts Call This The Smoothest Trick

By Frederick Cook

At the New York police headquarters they still have not given up hope of one day finding the man who, in the opinion of experts, worked the smoothest confidence trick ever known in the city.

It happened in the early '30s, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was still Governor of New York. Perhaps the man who did it is dead. But

the police are keeping their eyes open. This is the story as I heard it the other night:

One spring morning a well-dressed middle-aged man walked into the Fifth Avenue showrooms of one of the world's leading jewellers. He introduced himself as private secretary to Governor Roosevelt, explained that he had been asked to select a couple of diamond bracelets suitable for Mrs Roosevelt.

NO SUSPICION

The Governor was at Albany, the State capital, but would be in town the following afternoon. Mrs Roosevelt would still be out of town. The Governor wished to make the choice himself, unknown to his wife.

Would they care to send these two bracelets up to the Roosevelts' town house sometime tomorrow morning? They would indeed. There was not a grain of suspicion.

The well-spoken secretary thanked them and began to leave. He paused for a moment and said to the salesman: "Oh, by the way, hadn't you better let me have one of your cards?" The Governor will be telephoning in person to let you know which bracelet he has picked, and it would simplify things if he knew whom to ask for." The salesman handed over a card.

Just before noon next day a limousine drew up outside the Roosevelts' town house. A man from the jewellers' handed the butler a small package. The butler placed it on the hall table.

"HOW DO I KNOW?"

An hour later the bell rang again. A man giving every sign of embarrassment explained that a stupid mistake had been made. The package should have been held at the shop, where the Governor was to call in person. Might they have it back?

The butler—man not easily duped—asked: "But how do I know who you are? Hadn't I better telephone the shop?"

"That won't be necessary," said the caller. "I can easily identify myself." He handed over his card.

"I'm sorry, sir," the butler apologised, as he delivered the jewels. "You know how it is these days. You can't be too careful."

The \$20,000 worth of diamonds have never been seen since.

—London Express Service

IT'S CHUTIE ALL RIGHT



ALTHOUGH it looks as if it might have arrived on one of those talked-about flying saucers, this is only a maki, from French Madagascar. The little creature, now in Paris, resembles a common mouse and behaves like a monkey and it may reach a height of five feet when full grown.—(Acme).

Supersonic Sable Hits The Spots

By BART KINCH

The night life of a Chihuahua, the hot tamale of the canine world, has many of New York's playboys stymied. This doggy night-lifer is escorted to the theatre and the gay spots by a luscious blonde

every night.

The stag line frowns. Three's a crowd and Supersonic Sable, the Chihuahua charmer, doesn't like crowds.

The blonde is Janie Stevens, 23, a pert pint-sized singer at the Old Knick, a cafe-theatre specialising in melodrama, red-checked tablecloths and beer.

Miss Stevens, who stands four feet 11 inches and weighs 65 pounds, Chihuahua in hand, is the star attraction.

Some of these secrets have just been revealed to a party of London bankers who visited the works of Chubb and Sons Lock and Safe Company Ltd., when they were shown the massive strong-room doors soon to be despatched to new buildings of the Bank Mell Inn at Teheran where the Persian Crown Jewels will be stored.

Entrance to one of these strong rooms, where the famous Peacock Throne and other treasures will be displayed, is controlled by a steel door weighing 10 tons and 20 inches thick. When closed the door is secured by two key-locks and one keyless combination lock capable of no less than one hundred million different combinations. A would-be thief, without any clue to the correct combination and taking less than one minute to set each one, would have to live to be 200 years of age to work through the lot. Even then he would find that a time-lock prevented the door being opened except at a predetermined time.

Subie's life, however, was not always one of gay revelry and gadding about the Gay White Way. Before her emancipation she used to remain at Miss Stevens' apartment and snooze while her mistress was out winning the bread and butter biscuits.

This prosaic existence ended abruptly when Miss Stevens found that upon returning home after a hard night at the theatre Sable would be full of life and ginger. She would enlist all sorts of guises and cute tricks to get her mistress to forsake the sack for a little triskling and good-natured play.

JANIE REBELS

The result? Janie Stevens got very little sleep.

"Enough!" cried Janie. "From now on you can go to all the shows with me. Then maybe we'll both get some sleep."

The following night Sable had her first taste of New York's night life. She started with the theatre followed by visits to many of the better bistros.

She polished off in the evening with a ride home in a taxi encircled beside her mistress. Then a quick canter around the block and Sable and Janie retired for the night.

It worked. Sable was all tuckered out and slept like a dog until very late the next day.—United Press.

DIFFERENT KIND OF RING



RETIRED heavyweight champ Joe Louis is getting acquainted with a new kind of opponent as he enters a circus ring with three lions at their winter headquarters in Gonzales, Texas. If Joe takes a job with the circus, as rumoured, those cats had better get tame in a hurry.—(Acme).

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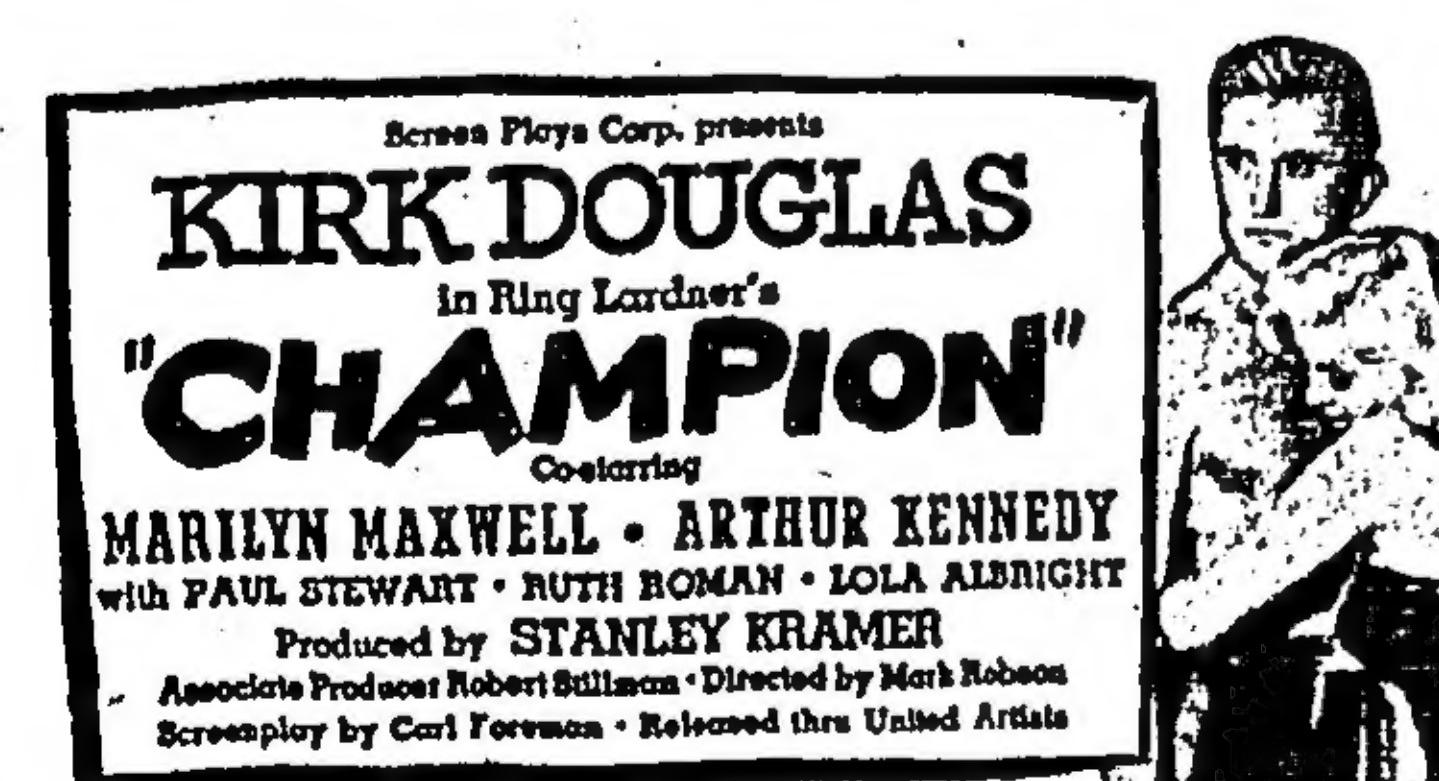
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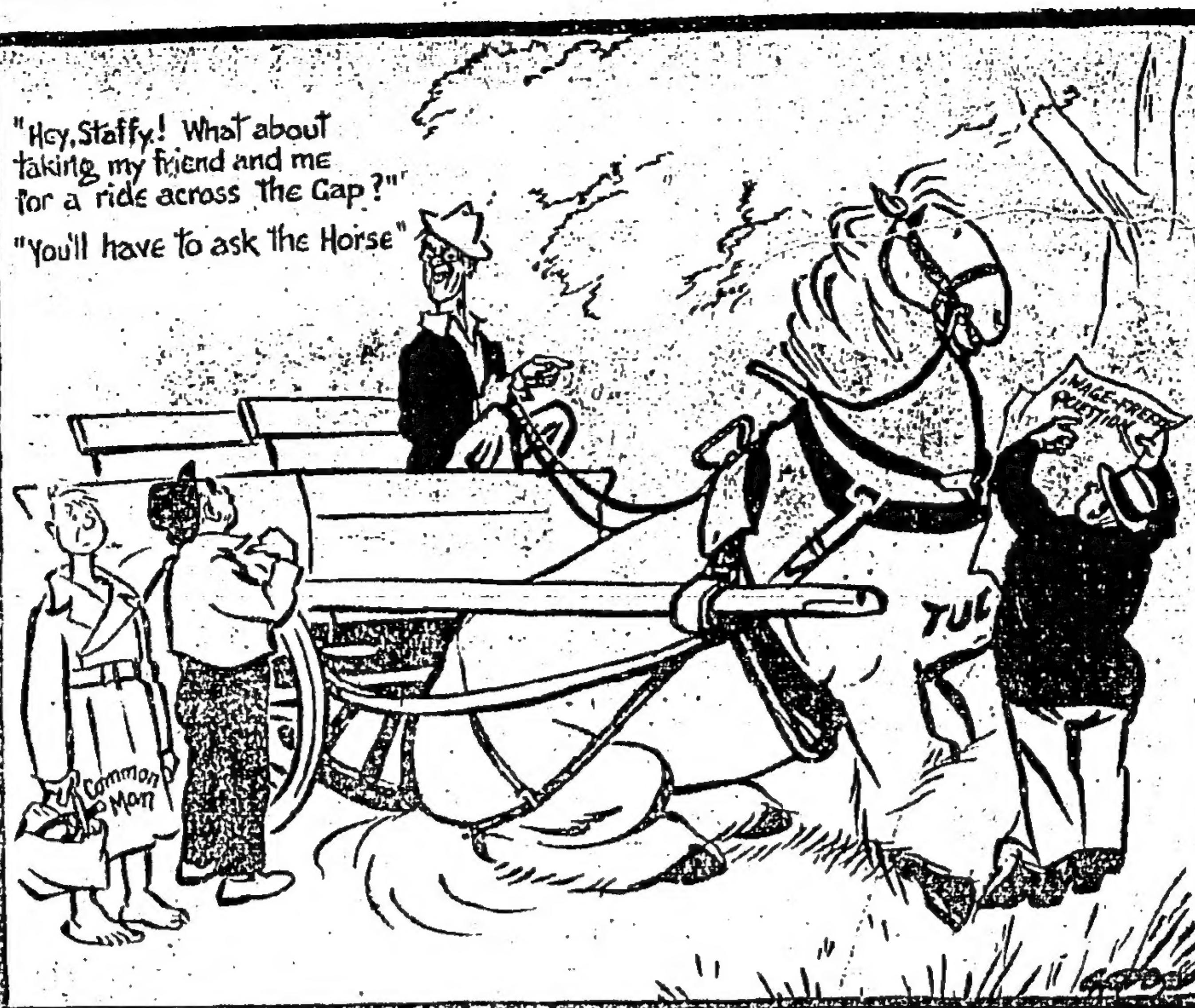
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ALSO LATEST PARAMOUNT NEWS



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Touchy? Why, even a game of marbles started a massacre

by SYDNEY SMITH

CALCUTTA. In a narrow Calcutta lane, little more than a garbage-filled rats'-run, a cluster of street urchins knelt to play marbles.

Young Ibrahim Khan bounced Ram Lal Gupta's best alley, with a plop straight into the crusty scum of a flooded drain.

Ram Lal howled until his father uncrossed his legs and scrambled down from the shelf of his fruit and betel nut stall and caught Ibrahim by the ear. Then Ibrahim's father arrived to see what it was all about.

Forty-five minutes later the mist of tear-gas lifted from the militant rubble of stones and sticks and bricks to show 27 bodies lying in the silent lane—Hindus and Moslems. None of them had cared about a marble game or known about cat's-eyes alleys.

Some had died because they cared about pigtails and sandalwood paste smeared on their foreheads, and others because they believed that there is only one God and that Mahomet is His prophet.

None of them had wanted to kill or die. But they did it because they were afraid.

This is not fiction. It is one of the minor incidents in the present India-Pakistan Bengal communal war, recorded in the police report book of a Calcutta slum. There are others even more obscure: the pickpocket arrested in a bus who escaped while the mob forgot him as they burned and stoned three more buses...

The Moslem who could not pay his bill of 1s. 1d. for his betel chew to the Hindu shopkeeper and started a communal riot that sent 27 others to hospital.

These small instances are part of the haunting black and white and terror which in the past two months has uprooted three-quarters of a million Bengali Hindus and Moslems from their centuries-old homes. It has sent them trekking across an artificial 2½-year-old border that has proclaimed, to the accompaniment of popular clamour that India must fight and Nehru must resign.

PAKISTAN
India
Bengal
Calcutta
MADRAS
Mysore
Agra



CALCUTTA...scene of the India-Pakistan tension.

How many of both communities have died in the process—from cholera, dysentery and starvation, cigarette-bombing and "tube guns" and knives, is uncertain.

If the official allegations from both sides are to be believed, it cannot be fewer than 20,000, but it might be 50,000. Non-communal independent estimates add it up to only 10,000.

The dead cannot tell. But the living, the homeless, the starving and the diseased in refugee camps on both sides are pretty cold cash testimony to the distress.

In that spirit—of those who remember sanity and the best that was—there may be still some hope.

Moslems died in the biggest pitched battle this year. I sat in a command post with an Indian Army officer. His chest was bright with the British campaign ribbons of Africa and Europe. He was proud of them. He was a Hindu. He shot 10 Hindus in one day recently, while his troops shot more—to rescue 15,000 besieged Moslems.

HE talked the lingo of the old Indian Army. He was puksa. "You see, old boy, although they divided the best army in Asia we have not forgotten what we learned—not the friends we had and fought beside—Moslem, Hindu, English. We are non-communal and we're fighting to keep the peace right now."

Because they believe India will attack Pakistan Hindus are swarming into Calcutta at the rate of nearly 100,000 a week.

They are adding their weight of poverty, fear and homelessness to the 6,000,000 others who are already turning Calcutta into a gigantic slum, a breeding ground of desperation.

From such a background war cannot seem so terrible a prospect. But I did find one bright ray, down in the industrial heart of Calcutta—in Howrah—where 300 Hindus and

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—(London Express Service)

The refugees

CHIEFS of the Mahasabha, in conference in Calcutta, decided that the best way to force a war is more Moslem slaughter to provoke reprisals against Hindus in Pakistan Bengal. This would justify India's armed intervention.

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C.V.R. Thompson Reports The U.S.A.

NEW YORK The usual story in the U.S. just as in Britain, is that a domestic job is the last one to take.

Well, that is not the idea of the new maid in a Miami, Florida, house.

Zora Houston does not seem to be different from my other Negro maid.

But she has written seven outstanding novels and she is a doctor of literature.

And she has taken a maid's job for this reason:

"You can only use your mind so long—then you have to use it on your hands."

BRITAIN may still put competition over jet-liners. The Budget Bureau has earmarked £4,000,000 as a subsidy to help U.S. manufacturers meet production costs of a jet-liner—at the drawing-board stage—which they say is as good as the Comet. Congress has yet to approve the subsidy.

SPANKEED by the Chicago Tribune were the three Medical Journal: "We can find no way to prevent your hair from getting grey."

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—(London Express Service)

Switching On The Sun

THE CHAPMAN PINCHER COLUMN

OXFORD. THE weather men should soon be able to arrange sunshine for the next Easter Parade and "turn on" rain during droughts. That is my belief after talks with the world's leading meteorologists during the international weather conference, which has just ended here.

Details of an astonishingly simple ground-operated device, which can give considerable control over clouds, were disclosed by America's pioneer rainmaker DR VINCENT SCHAEFER.

The device is stove, burning a mixture of charcoal and iodide of silver. Its smoke scatters minute crystals of the iodide of silver high in the sky. Any of the crystals which drift into clouds made up of very cold water-drops immediately trigger off a chain-reaction, turning the whole cloud into ice.

The ice particles then fall. Depending on temperature and other conditions, they either turn to rain or the way down or change to vapour, leaving a clear sky.

One watchman's brazier-sized stove can clear 200 square miles of "super-cool" clouds. A chain of them covering Britain's sky would serve three uses:

1 Make many of the clouds, which would otherwise drift over during droughts, shed their rain.

2 Disperse those low-lying misty clouds which carry little rain but obscure the sun for days in windless weather.

3 Make flying safer by helping to prevent thunderstorms and by dispersing the cold-water clouds which ice up aircraft.

Experiments in progress at Oxford's Clarendon Laboratory are showing that tremendous electrical charges which cause lightning are built up

over slightly when Luck lifts out each youngster for its daily spring-balloon weighing. It does not seem to mind when he intercepts a good "parcel" brought in for the youngster by the other bird. Each "parcel" contains up to 800 insects, all caught on the wing. Luck will probably apologize to the swifts in print for his Peeping Tom act. His book describing his scientific studies of robins is dedicated (rather coyly). "To all those robins who permitted my intrusions into the intimacies of their lives."

IRONY

A SCIENTIST here who helped design the R101 airship, which crashed in 1930, told me an ironical behind-the-scenes story.

The ship's 700-ft. long framework contained more than 40,000 metal tubes, fixed at each end to girders. When the skeleton was almost finished a workman dropped a hammer on one of the tubes.

Two serious defects were found in the tube when it was taken out for repair—the manufacturers had made it too small and it was insecurely fastened.

Both these critical points had escaped the inspector's eye. So the designers wondered how many more tubes were as bad. The only safe thing to do, short of dismantling the airship, was to take an X-ray picture of every tube. The job took months.

Result: the tube the workman had accidentally hit was the only faulty one in the airship.

* "Weather Lore," by Richard Edwards and E. L. Hawke (Rider, 1952).

—(London Express Service)

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Line-up on the May conferences

Big Three will discuss Far East problems

WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS: BRITISH SUGGESTIONS FILL EIGHT PAGES

London, Apr. 16.—The Big Three Foreign Ministers conference to be held on May 8 in London will review the whole field of foreign policy and study an overall line of their future moves in the cold war in European co-operation and Far Eastern developments, according to government officials today.

Leopold Offer Creates New Situation

Brussels, Apr. 16.—The Belgian Catholic Party's Executive today accepted King Leopold's broadcast offer last night to hand over his Royal prerogatives temporarily to his son as "contrary to the initiatives of the party," but it paid "homage to the high sentiments expressed in the King's message and to the sovereign's desire to reconcile the Belgian people."

The leading Catholic newspaper, *Libre Belgique*, reaffirmed its views that the provisionally exiled King's return to the throne must be "unconditional."

Catholic leaders interviewed by the newspaper were quoted as saying that they considered the King's offer to transfer his powers for the time being to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin, as "unconstitutional."

TRAFFIC JAMS

The attitude of the main anti-Leopold party, the Socialists, was not expected to be known until tomorrow, when the party's Executive will meet to consider the new situation created by the King's offer.

According to anti-Leopold Brussels newspaper, *Le Soir*, Belgian Socialists would insist on a clarification of a number of points in the King's message, especially "those regarding the guarantee of the rights of the (anti-Leopold) minority."

According to reports from all parts of the country, every single Belgian radio appeared to have been tuned in to the King's recorded broadcast.

In the larger cities there were traffic jams as motorists with car radios pulled into the kerb to allow passers-by to listen.—Reuter.

SERETSE HOME AMID CHEERS

Serowe, Apr. 16.—Seretse Khama, exiled chief designate of the Bamangwato tribe, returned to his white wife for a short visit today amid the rousing cheers of his people.

As Seretse's car rolled into Serowe shortly after midnight, ending a 300-mile dash from Lobatse through the African bush, "Queen Ruth" ran out of their house and met him a quarter-mile down the road.

Photographers' bulbs lit up the path for Seretse's car, which went slowly through the town and then came to a stop in front of Ruth. Seretse bounded from his seat and embraced his wife, a former London typist. He took a handkerchief and wiped the tears from her cheeks and said, "Everything is going to be all right."

Later in the morning, the couple called on the District Commissioner, Mr Forbes Mackenzie, and Seretse reported his arrival. All along the four-mile road from their bungalow, crowds gathered and whistled and chanted their greetings.

In front of Mackenzie's office, some held out their hands to touch Seretse and bowed to kiss the hem of Ruth's skirt.

Seretse was allowed to come here only on condition that peace was maintained. He plans to obtain documentary proof that his tribe wants him as their leader for the forthcoming hearing, in which he will appeal against the British Government's decision banning him from the Bamangwato reservation for five years.

This was the couple's first meeting since early this year, when he was called to London for consultations with government officials and was informed of his exile.—United Press.

"I think my job in the department store was more interesting work than this office routine—there were two fellows there who proposed to me!"

Sold By The Bunch



Unstable economic trends and a general business depression force a dealer in Tokyo, Japan, to sell his neckties by their weight. The hard-pressed dealer lets them go for about 14 cents a bunch, in American coins.



To halt Communism in East Asia

TOKYO ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Tokyo, Apr. 17.—The Tokyo economic conference for the Far East opens this morning with 23 American officials from Washington and Oriental capitals determined to hammer out aid and trade recommendations that will halt communism in East Asia.

Under the chairmanship of Mr William J. Schindl, United States acting political adviser for Japan, the conference will tackle an agenda that includes:

1. Import tariffs and controls.
2. Expansion of regional and inter-regional trade and overall economic development of Asiatic areas.

3. Problems involving currency exchange and ways and means to break convertibility bottlenecks.

A five-day agenda has been arranged so as to provide two days for general discussion in plenary sessions, one day of special committee meetings and two days of informal reports of committees to the final full sessions.

Japan's role in whatever recommendations the conference will make is expected to be large. Time permitting,

POINT FOUR WARNING

Delays Dangerous

Philadelphia, Apr. 16.—Dr Alan Valentine, president of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a "major failure" in American diplomacy unless it soon becomes a working reality.

Dr Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that "delays between proposal and performance" in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and "even terrors."

The Truman proposal raised excessive hopes in countries to be aided "their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises."

Dr Valentine said the next step should be an "official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four." Such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

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Integration Of Europe Imperative

Milan, Apr. 16.—The ECA chief, Mr James Zellerbach, said today that economic integration of Europe was imperative and he asked European nations to "fulfil their promises"

Speaking at the Milan International Fair on the special Marshall Plan Day, Mr Zellerbach reminded Hallinus the two economic gains of the past two years under ECA and said the first steps formed the nucleus for the economic integration of Europe.

He added that the Economic Co-operation nations "have assumed a formal commitment to achieve economic integration."

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Australia Wants New Guinea

Sydney, Apr. 16.—Australia, in all circumstances, remains in New Guinea, Mr Percy C. Spender, the Minister for External Affairs, said today on his return from a tour of New Guinea and Papuan.

If Australia did not remain and work in harmony with the natives, other nations would, he added in broadcast.

Mr Spender said his native he had talked with told him they regarded Australia as their protector and motherland and wanted no other.—Reuter.

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Tournament—Both vul.			
No bidding	10		

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

I AM not giving you any bidding in today's hand because I want you to discuss the bidding yourselves. There were nine pairs who played the hand. One pair bid and made seven hearts. Six pairs bid six hearts. One pair only got to five hearts and the other pair, believe it or not, doubled the opponents at two spades.

The pair who bid and made seven hearts got a small trump opening by West. The trick was won by the declarer with the queen, after East dropped the jack. Declarer took two rounds of trump and then cashed the king of diamonds.

A small diamond was played and the jack finessed. After all declarer did not have much choice as his contract was to make seven. When it held he claimed the balance of the tricks.

Of the six pairs who bid six hearts, four of them went down. Most of them made the following mistake: They won the opening heart lead with the queen and led a small club to the ten-spot.

East won it with the queen and returned a small trump, which the declarer won with the king. He cashed the ace of clubs and led a small club, which West ruffed with the nine-spot.

The two pairs who bid and made six hearts got a spade opening, which was won by dummy with the queen. The ten of clubs was led, East split his honours and declarer won the trick with the ace. Declarer now took three rounds of trump.

He went over to dummy with the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace-king of spades, discarding a club and a diamond. Declarer then led a small club, which East won with the king and declarer's jack of clubs was good for the needed 12th trick.

Some of the experts, in discussing the hand, agreed that with a trump lead declarer should take three rounds of trump, then play the ace and king of diamonds and lead a small diamond to the jack. West, in this case, has to win the trick with the queen.

However, if West plays a low diamond the jack must be played from dummy. If East wins with the queen, the fourth diamond will be good for a valuable discard of a club.

Now the next time you play a ruff contract just remember that even the best of players slips up.

Check Your Knowledge

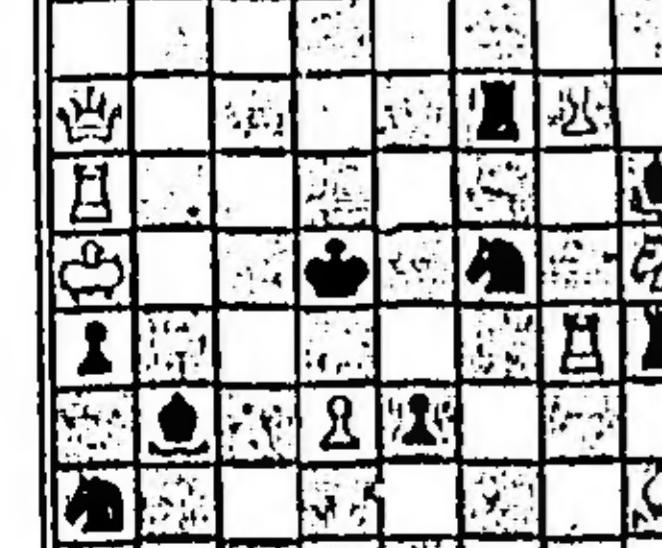
- Name the measurement used for electric current.
- Where is the largest known anthracite region?
- What is Snorgsbord?
- Does dew fall?
- Who wrote the Waverley Novels?
- What river is called "Old Man"?

(Answers on Page 8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By ARTHUR A. PAUL

Black, 2 pieces.



White, 0 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Q-QB2, any; 2. Q, or R (ch), or dis ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS

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THE ROOF IS SO BAD EVERY TIME IT RAINS THE WATER Drips ON MY HEAD: HOW LONG IS THIS TO CONTINUE?

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AROUND THE WORLD

Napoleon's Birthplace Has Smelly Streets

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE devotees of the life and history of Napoleon Bonaparte are many. But we wonder how many of them would be willing to put up with the somewhat primitive creature comforts on the Island of Corsica, in order to get the feel of the place where their hero was born.

We can remember well the



Old section of Ajaccio, Corsica.

against these peaks and valleys of emotion or your life will be doubly difficult.

You will discover that health has considerable to do with your temper! When you are robust, the world looks a jolly place. But if you are nervous and strained, then you are irritable and a deep-dyed pessimist!

Correct your living habits!

You never are satisfied with less than the best. This goes for your emotional life, as well.

And happiness is indicated only if you select someone whose cultural tastes and intellect are at least equal to your own.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be our daily guide.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Good influences in our life if you pay close attention to business matters. Be thrifty in expenditures.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Success beckons. It is your own fault if you are not thoroughly alert to new exciting opportunities.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Improve your personal outlook. Affairs at home are to be of utmost importance. Pay attention to detail.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Start a new project and get moving in the right direction. Be progressive for good results.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A fine day for job hunting. You should find exactly what you want now if you persevere.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Production is what counts today. If a new contract is pending, you could sign it successfully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine day for taking care of important personal matters. See that real ambition is fulfilled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—All merchandising is favoured. Make a profit now, if there is one to be made. You can prosper.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 21)—Careful study and attention to detail can bring unexpected success in your major field just now.

(Tomorrow—Scientist Work)

(London Express Service)

INTELLIGENCE TEST

PENSIONS

by T. O. HARE

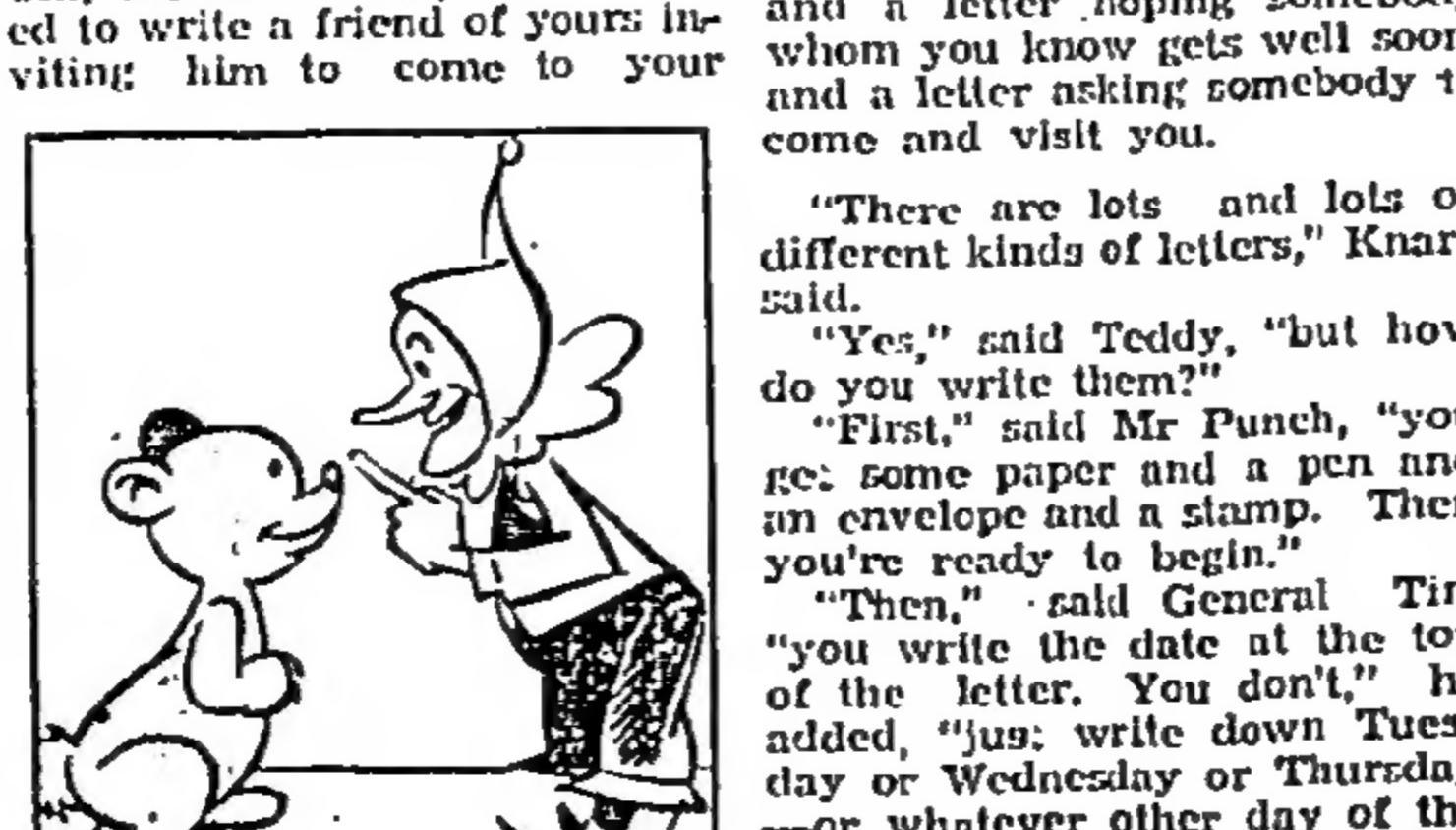
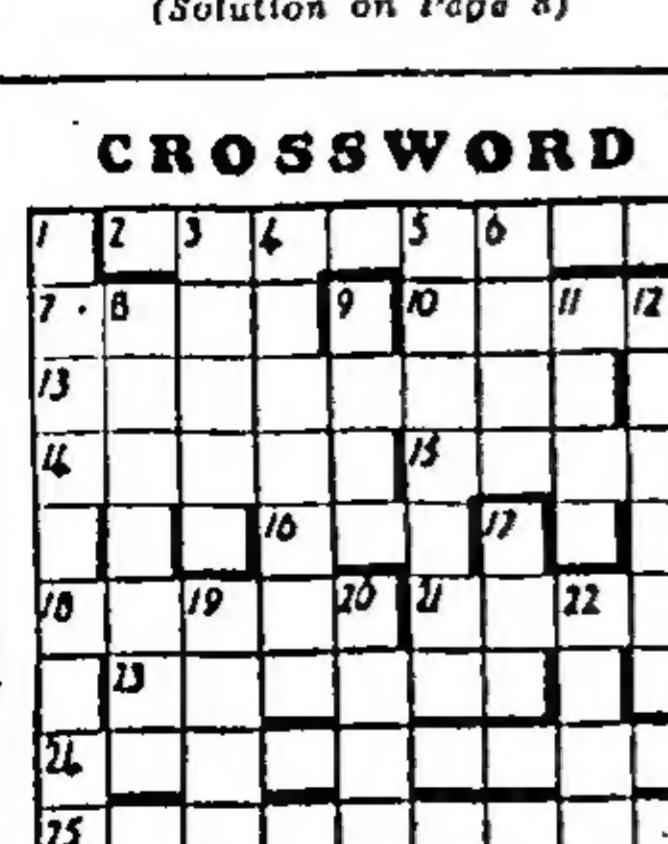
Kinairdy Ltd., manufacturers of furniture, has a pension scheme for their small but highly skilled staff. Each employee's pension depends on the age of his retirement. The minimum pension at the age of 50 is £100, but can go on working until he is 80.

The amount of pension is determined by a simple formula. Here are some examples of its workings: An employee earning £60 a week gets £25.40 a year. If he retires at 60, he gets £311.10s. a year; at 70, £32.10s. a year; at 80, £10.40 a year.

What would his pension have amounted to had he waited another year?

(Solution on Page 8)

CROSSWORD



You need paper and a pen," Punch told Teddy.

BRONCHO BILL



BILL TAKES THE ONLY AVENUE OF ESCAPE—OVER A CLIFF EDGE...

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ONCE more the time comes round to tell the story of the man who went to a circus. He saw a booth advertising a remarkable dwarf, paid his money, and went in. He came out shortly afterwards in a towering rage, and sent for the showman.

"What's the meaning of this?" he shouted. "I pay my money to see what you call a dwarf, and what do I see? A perfectly ordinary fellow, as big as I am."

"He is the tallest dwarf in Europe, sir," replied the showman deferentially.

"The People's Democracies

have been permanently shielded from the influence of economic crisis, from the instability of current changes and devaluation."

Russia forming a rouble bloc in the East?

HONGKONG SHARES

Transactions at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning were worth \$90,542.30.

Non quotations were:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

FAR ASIA INSURANCES 104

Union ... 563 500 20 577½

DOCKS, ETC. 611 200 20 Q 90

Dock ... 1750

Shai Dock ... 3 90

LAND, ETC. 920

Land ... 421

H.K. Land ... 1 00

H.K. Shores ... 915

UNITED 7

Trans. 100 100 12.70

C. Light (C) 100 200 49 11

Light (N) 510 233 49 8.10

Electric ... 27

INDUSTRIALS 11.20

STOLES, ETC. 2015

Dairy ... 24 2514 200 24.20

Watson ... 24 2514 100 24.20

L. Crawford 2125

COTTONS 2.00

Asia Nav. ... 70c 25,000 G 70c

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unquoted exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling pound note (per £) 10.43

U.S. dollar (per \$) 1.00

100 grams gold ... 10.43

Siam (Straits) (per 100) ... 24.00

Singapore (Strait) ... 18.17

FIC (piastre) (per 100) ... 11.20

British Cars

Big Success

New York, Apr. 16.—Large crowds visited the British motor show at the Grand Central Palace here today, besieging salesmen with inquiries.

Fine weather helped to augment the continual stream of visitors, which poured through the turnstiles throughout the day.

Fifteen thousand saw the show on the opening day yesterday.

Mr. Alfred Sloane, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, the largest manufacturers of motorcars in the United States, said that in his opinion the demand for British cars in this country would exceed their expectations, especially in urban areas.

He said that traffic conditions in cities and towns were rapidly increasing the popularity of smaller cars.

This British target is to sell 50,000 cars a year in America.

Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES LOWER

New York, April 15.—Grain prices today generally finished lower on selling reflecting predictions for unsettled weather in the winter wheat belt during the week.

Prices closed as follows:

WHEAT—price per bushel

spot ... 2.29

May ... 2.21-31 -%

July ... 2.08-21 -%

September ... 2.03-31 -%

December ... 2.03-31 -%

CORN 1.43-1.52

May ... 1.37-1.42 -%

July ... 1.37-1.42 -%

September ... 1.32-1.34 -%

December ... 1.23 -%

RYE 1.31-1.32

July ... 1.31-1.32

OATS 1.34-1.35

May ... 1.37-1.38 -%

July ... 1.37-1.38 -%

NEW YORK FLOUR 200 lb. spot.

Adenauer Presses For Unity

Berlin, Apr. 16.—The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, arrived in Berlin by air today to press for unification of Germany through free elections through all Germany.

In an apparent attempt to counteract the propaganda value of Dr Adenauer's demand, the East German President, Wilhelm Pieck, also called for an all-German plebiscite to unify this split nation.

Dr Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip also was intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic.

He said at the airport: "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in any town in the West German Federal Republic."

Thousands of Berliners gathered before the United States Air Forces' Tempelhof airfield and along the streets leading to it to greet the Chancellor on his first trip to Berlin.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr Pieck had said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops. His statement, published in the Tagesliche Rundschau, official Soviet newspaper, was seen as a Soviet attempt to counter the appeal for unity which Dr Adenauer was said to be ready to deliver during his three-day visit.

BERLIN'S FUTURE

Dr Adenauer was greeted at the airfield by the Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, the City Assembly Speaker, Otto Suhr, the deputy Mayor, Louis E. Schroeder, and other officials. He was accompanied by the Minister of Economics, Ludwig Erhard; the Justice Minister, Dr Thomas Bechler, and the Minister for All-German Affairs, Jacob Kaiser.

His arrival touched off new speculation that Berlin might be admitted to the Bonn Republic as the 12th state. This feeling persists in some responsible political quarters despite official denials from the British Foreign Office of any change in All-German policy. It was believed the United States was strongly supporting Berlin's incorporation into Western Germany, and was bringing pressure to bear in Britain and France.—United Press.

MADE DOCTOR OF LETTERS

New Delhi, Apr. 16.—President Rajendra Prasad of India conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters here today on India's former Chief Justice, 72-year-old Sir Maurice Gwyer for 12 years Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University.

Dr Prasad, presiding at a special University convocation, described Sir Maurice as "the master of Delhi University" and declared that India would always cherish his services as an educational, an administrator and a constitutional lawyer.

Sir Maurice, who retired from the Vice-Chancellorship last week, left by air later today for Britain after 10 years in India. He was the first Chief Justice of the Indian Federal Court from 1937 to 1943.—Reuter.

MINORITIES AGREEMENT

Jammu, Apr. 16.—The Kashmiri Premier, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, said tonight that the Nehru-Liaquat Ali Khan agreement on minorities and Indo-Pakistani relations would "swing to strengthen the hands of the progressive forces in the sub-continent."

Sheikh Abdullah told a special convention of the national conference called to discuss the "Kashmir situation," that the agreement further strengthened Kashmir's faith in the moral superiority of secularism.

"No communal organisation would be allowed to flourish in Kashmir and efforts to disturb communal harmony there will fail," he declared.—Reuter.



Gorgeous Gussie Ribbed

Students of Chelsea Polytechnic, in London, watch as three robots poke fun at tennis star "Gorgeous Gussie" Moran whose well-publicised lace panties are being featured here. The robots were participating in a procession for the benefit of the Playing Fields Association while, in another part of the world, Gussie was named the best-dressed woman in sports.

MIDDLE EAST SECURITY SYSTEM TO AUGMENT ATLANTIC PACT WANTED

London, Apr. 16.—The establishment of a Middle Eastern security system as the counterpart to the Atlantic Pact is one of the proposals of the Royal Institute of International Affairs' latest publication, on United Kingdom policy.

PROPAGANDA — PEKING PATTERN

San Francisco, Apr. 16.—One of the chief Communist propagandists in China today declared that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated.

At the same time, he hit the British and Dutch Governments' "obstruction of peace."

Liu Ning-yi, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a special article published in the Peking People's Daily News and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly, devoted to furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—the Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—"will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to world peace movement."

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union—700,000,000 strong—are sincerely united and co-operative."—United Press.

Another Arrest In Palermo

Palermo, Apr. 16.—The police arrested another of the innumerable lieutenants of the bandit, Salvatore Giuliano, last night. He was Francesco Monteleone, 36, wanted for 24 robberies, 28 extortions, four attacks against police forces with firearms and a score of kidnappings.—United Press.

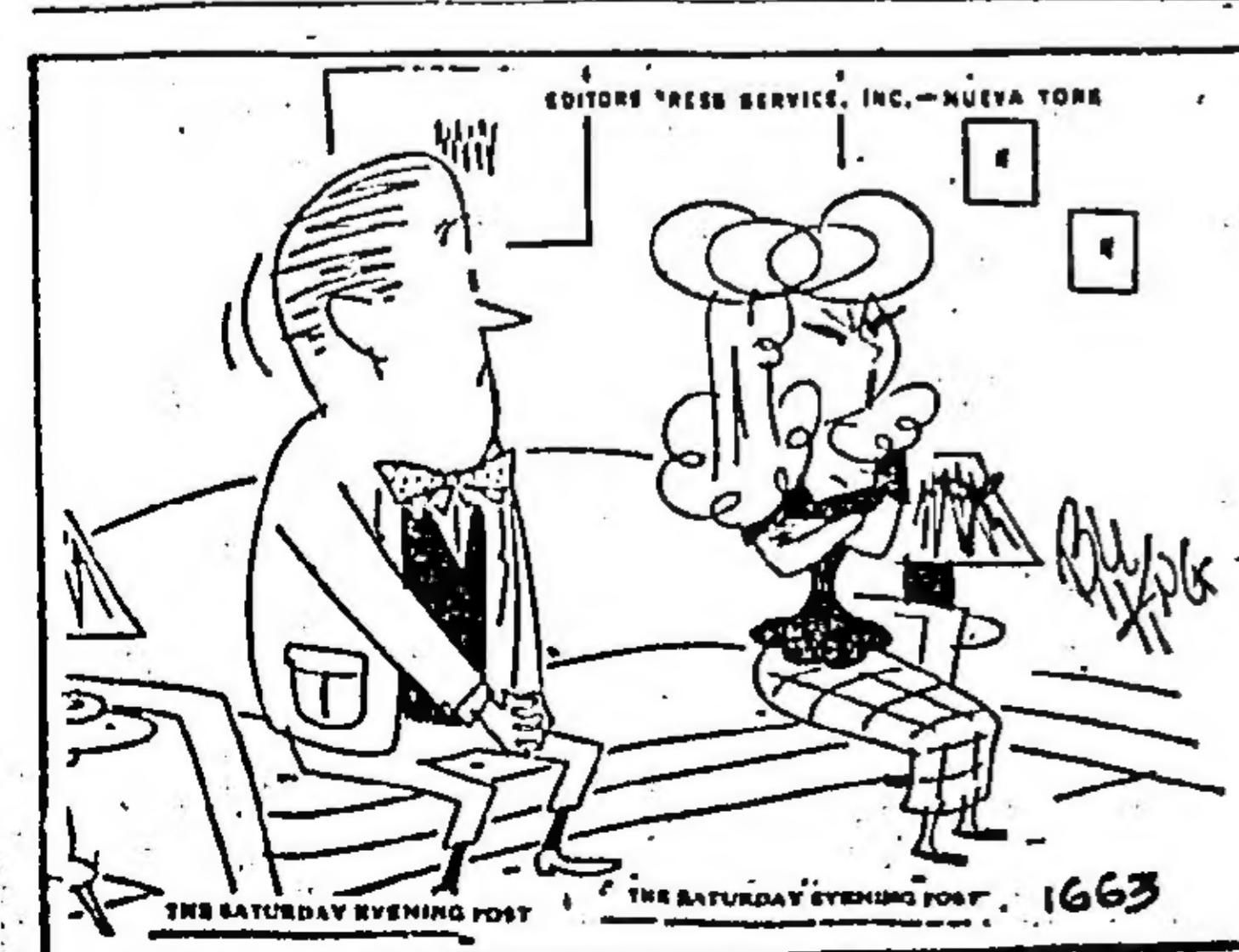
The Board stated that it views "with deep concern the increasing tension and the threat to peace in the Middle East, aggravated by the supply of arms to the Arab countries, which, it said, was aggravating tension in the Middle East."

The Board urged the Government "to reconsider its policy in a spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighbouring Arab States, in the paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which the young State is urgently confronted."—Reuter.

Jap Family's Suicide

Fukui, Japan, Apr. 16.—It was reported today that a 35-year-old Japanese mother tied four of her children aged from five to 13 to herself with ropes, plunged into the sea and all drowned.

A note found on the mother said she committed suicide because of economic difficulties and illness of her husband who has been repatriated from Sakhalin.—United Press.



"I admit I was wrong, but if you really loved me you'd apologise!"

Point 4 Might Do More Harm Than Good

Washington, Apr. 16.—Two social scientists said today that President Truman's Point Four programme to aid underdeveloped nations might do more harm than good.

Dr Ralph Linton, Yale University anthropologist, and William Vogt, former conservation expert with the Pan-American Union, expressed this view in a symposium on the President's programme in the Spring issue of the American Perspective, publication of the Foundation for Foreign Affairs.

America Buys More Bombers

Washington, Apr. 16.—The U.S. Air Force has placed orders for about 1,250 new planes, valued at more than US\$1,000,000,000 during the current fiscal year, with continued strong emphasis on heavy bombers, it was revealed today.

This was the first disclosure of the Air Force procurement programme for the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

The Navy said last week that its plane procurement programme for the current year probably would cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes.

The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated Vultee B-36 superbombers and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour.

President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951, but the Joint Chiefs of Staff are believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount.—United Press.

He said that so far the United States had made nothing but "impossible promises". He said the United States should be undertaking a scientific survey of the world's demands and an inventory of its resources.

"We must make that up before we undertake that the people and governments of various areas will want strongly enough what we consider development to do their part. Incredible though it may seem to a large number of Americans, not all the people in the world want the education that we have made available. Not all of them want our material standard of living enough to accept the hard work and self-discipline on which it must be based."—United Press.

Another Air Crash

Havana, Apr. 16.—Eight persons were believed killed today in the crash of a Cuban freighter near Moron in Central Cuba. The authorities reported that six passengers and two crew were aboard the small transport, which crashed at one a.m. today.

The plane had just taken off from Moron en route to Camaguey when it plunged to earth. The cause of the accident is yet unknown and the bodies had not been recovered by mid-afternoon.—United Press.

Speed-Up In The Wingtips

Washington, Apr. 16.—The Air Force disclosed today that it has increased the operating radius of its F-84-E "Thunderjet" fighter planes to more than 1,000 miles by adding two 230-gallon wingtip tanks. The previously announced operating radius was 650 miles. The extra tanks add a total of 920 gallons of fuel to the Thunderjet's normal capacity.—United Press.

However, General Jacob cautioned: "States which make up the Middle East are weak and of doubtful stability, and it seems unlikely, even if dissensions caused by events in Palestine were to die away, that they could guarantee their own security. Stiffening from outside is necessary. It is high time the Palestine issue was finally settled and a regional security system was brought into being to form a counterpart of the Atlantic Treaty."—United Press.

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union—700,000,000 strong—are sincerely united and co-operative."—United Press.

HUKS ARE SMART OPERATORS

Manila, Apr. 16.—A Methodist missionary who has observed the spread of the Huk movement into northern Luzon says that the peasant outlaw leaders are "smart operators who befriend the people and capture their confidence."

The Rev. Curran L. Spottswood, Jr., formerly of Mobile, Alabama, has spent three years in northern Luzon, where he has headquarters at Tuguegarao, and makes occasional trips through some of the loneliest country on earth—the Sierra Madre mountain area of northeastern Luzon.

Just returned from a 800-mile, 14-day trip, mostly on foot, the Rev. Spottswood found evidence that the infamous Huk influence came from Nueva Ecija Province, a short distance to the south.

"Their motto is, 'Down with the present government, down with the capitalists, down with the ruling rich in Manila. We want a people's democracy,'" he said.

The average farmer owns a small lot where he plants his family's food needs. They hunt for their game."

Mr Spottswood believes that the Huk influence came from Nueva Ecija Province, a short distance to the south.

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It struck Mr Spottswood as odd that the Huk leaders, while exhorting the peasants to reject the capitalist system, masked them to procure for the Huk the best brands of Khaki clothing and tennis shoes.

"Because most of the inhabitants have learned to dislike and fear the Philippine Constabulary, they are inclined to be more pro-Huk," the missionary said.

"The Huk hold public meetings when the Constabulary is not around and discuss their grudges and grievances against the Government. As the same time, they harass the people 25 centavos apiece every time they come, which is often."

Mr Spottswood used to be known as "the flying preacher of Luzon" before he lost his life plane a year ago in a crack up that almost cost his life. Now he does most of his travelling by foot and by banca (canoe).—United Press.

He said that despite the Huk influence, the people are not afraid of the Communists.

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